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To Examiner, Mr. Michael O'Neill (Art Unit 3304)
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Re: Advisory Action toward U.S. Patent Appln.No.08/642,560

Applicant: Takeya OKAMOTO

Paper No.13 Date Mailed: December 5, 1997

In connection with the above identified Advisory Action, I sent you a check of US\$255.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee (US\$55.00) and the charge for extension of time (US\$200.00) on December 16, 1997.

At the same time I instructed my banker to conduct a search for the missing check of US\$55.00 which I certainly sent you on October 20, 1997. According to the result of the search, the check was settled on November 4, 1997 as evidenced by the enclosed copies of the documents.

Therefore, I would like to ask you to make a thorough search for the receipt of the above check and the settlement of the same. I think the overpayment should be refunded.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Takeya Okamoto
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